

For the record: one of the worst decisions Bill Clinton ever made was to deregulate the airwaves. I was raised to believe that they belong to "we the people" and will continue to believe this till my dieing day. So little of "the commons" remains and it should be the responcibility of the FCC to protect the diversity of interests of the American Public not pander to corporations intent on lining their own pockets. Since Bill's blunder my town has become beholden to two radio corporations, Clear Channel and Citadel Comm. Their packaged programming frankly nausiates me. Gone are the days when DJs were part of the community and the community part of the broadcasting. But this goes beyond a mere aesthetic- there has been a clear and deletious narrowing of the decicion-making process in publishing the news. No longer are we able to hear many versions of the same story- now a single corporate body determines what is news for over 1200 radio stations. This lack of diversity severely undermines our Constitutional Right to a "free press", and thus, the very basis of legitimacy in our political system.